

## A GAME AND METHOD THEREFOR

### Related Applications

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/541,592 filed April 3, 2000, entitled Lottery Game.

## **Technical Field**

The technical field is lottery games and similar games of chance.

## Background

Lotteries, especially government sponsored and regulated lotteries, are very popular in the United States and in most other countries. Currently, almost 40 States sponsor or regulate lotteries and over 300 lotteries are played world-wide. In the United States, most state lotteries are run or regulated by a state lottery organization. The state lottery organization sells lottery tickets, or chances to win a prize. The money to fund the prize comes from current ticket sales. The States like lotteries because they generate much-needed income. Players like the opportunity to win the prize.

The prize is often a winner-take all jackpot (after subtracting out the State's expenses and the amount reserved by the State to meet its funding objectives). Other prizes may be lower than the jackpot, and may be based, for example, on the amount of risk the player is willing to take. The higher the risk (the longer the odds), the larger the payout. Other lotteries provide for partial payouts. For example, if the basic lottery requires matching five numbers to win the jackpot, a match of four of the five numbers may obtain a partial prize of 1/100 of the jackpot.

These lotteries generally require a player to select one or more numbers from a matrix of numbers. The cost of one such play is often nominal, for example, \$1. The player may be told instantly whether the number selected is a winning number. Alternatively, the player may have to wait for as long as a week until an official number selection is completed by the State lottery organization.

Many States impose severe restrictions on lotteries. A common restriction is that the player must actually be in the jurisdiction in which the lottery sale is made. Thus a player in a first jurisdiction cannot purchase a lottery ticket for another jurisdiction without physically being in that jurisdiction. Another restriction is that gambling may not be permitted using the Internet. These and other similar restrictions may cause certain players to go to extreme means in order to purchase a lottery ticket, including traveling long distances. This behavior may become more widespread as the size of the jackpot grows. In some lotteries, jackpots routinely reach \$100,000,000 or more.

1        These restrictions, particularly the physical presence requirements, make lottery  
2    games less desirable, and may lead to a loss of lottery sales.

3        **Summary**

4        A new game, which may be a lottery game, a board game, or computer game, a  
5    television game, or an Internet game compares results of the game to results of similar  
6    game played elsewhere. When played as a lottery game, the game includes a system and  
7    a method for monitoring lottery results in jurisdictions other than that of the player. A  
8    basic condition for winning a prize with the new lottery is a match between numbers  
9    drawn in a lottery of a jurisdiction in which the player did not play a local lottery. A  
10   player in one jurisdiction, such as a state, province, territory or country, for example, may  
11   play a local lottery and not match a draw of the local lottery in that jurisdiction.  
12   However, the numbers chosen by the player may match a draw conducted in another  
13   jurisdiction. In this event, the new lottery game may allow the player to win a  
14   consolation prize. Such a consolation prize may be smaller in amount than the jackpot  
15   awarded by the player's own local lottery. Whereas before the player would have won  
16   nothing from the player's own local lottery, the player playing the new lottery game at  
17   least wins some money.

18        In an embodiment, the new lottery game is preferably twined, or coupled to a local  
19   lottery game. In this embodiment, the new lottery game is only played by a player who  
20   first plays the local lottery game. Furthermore, the new lottery game may require the  
21   player to play against only those types of lotteries that the player has played.  
22   Alternatively, the new lottery game may allow the player to choose the lottery type  
23   against which to play.

24        In another embodiment, the new lottery game may be played as a stand alone  
25   game. In yet another embodiment, the new lottery game may be played as a combination  
26   of a stand alone lottery game and a twined local lottery game. In yet another  
27   embodiment, the new lottery game may be played over the Internet. In still another  
28   embodiment, the concepts of the new lottery game may be included in a board game. The  
29   new lottery game may award smaller prizes for partial matching of the play and the draw.

30        Operation of the new lottery game, in conjunction with the local lotteries, may  
31   follow certain general rules. The new lottery game may be played only when coupled to  
32   the play of a local lottery. A play of the new lottery game may be compared to draws of  
33   lotteries that operate outside a jurisdiction in which the player played the coupled local  
34   lottery. The new lottery game may require the player to designate a type of lottery. For

1 example, if the player plays a specific type of a local lottery, the player may be required  
2 to designate the same type of lottery for purposes of playing the new lottery game. In  
3 picking numbers, the player selects numbers according to the local lottery's matrix. Such  
4 a matrix may comprise numbers up to 99. Differences in matrix sizes between the local  
5 lotteries and the matrix of the new lottery game do not affect the operation of the new  
6 lottery game, but may impact the probability of a player's play matching a draw of a non-  
7 local lottery. The new lottery game may give prizes based on draws of all official  
8 lotteries of types 1 through 10 throughout the world, for example. The new lottery is  
9 flexible and may accommodate other lotteries, such as lotteries that include the use of  
10 bonus numbers. The new lottery game may not be operated in conjunction with any non-  
11 official or non-authorized lottery.

12 Rules for playing the lotto may be provided in a brochure. A reduced instruction  
13 set may be provided on a side of the play slip opposite that of the matrix. The play slip  
14 and the brochure may also be used to list common lottery types, and jurisdictions in  
15 which lottery types are available. The brochure may be provided to players by mailing,  
16 by posting on an Internet web site, or by using any other acceptable medium.

17 The new lottery game should increase local lottery income because more players  
18 will be attracted to the local lottery games. The new lottery game may be played without  
19 requiring a wager from the player. Thus, the only wager collected is from the local  
20 lottery. In other embodiments, the new lottery game may required a sliding wager scale,  
21 based on the odds that the player is able to achieve.

22 The new lottery game, or world lotteries lotto, takes advantage of winning  
23 numbers that occur in jurisdictions outside the player's current jurisdiction, or outside a  
24 jurisdiction in which the player plays a local lottery. This new lottery game concept  
25 provides an added incentive to play a local lottery game. In addition, the new lottery  
26 game concept also provides existing jurisdiction (provinces, states, countries) with  
27 increased lottery revenues.

28 **Description of the Drawings**

29 The detailed description will refer to the following drawings, in which like  
30 numerals refer to like elements, and wherein:

31 Figure 1A illustrates a local lottery scheme;  
32 Figure 1B illustrates a multiple jurisdiction lottery scheme;  
33 Figure 2A is a block diagram of a lottery system incorporating a world lotteries  
34 lotto;

1       Figure 2B is a more detailed block diagram of the world lotteries lotto;  
2       Figure 2C is an overall schematic of a world lotteries lotto scheme;  
3       Figure 3 illustrates an example play slip for use with the world lotteries lotto;  
4       Figure 4 illustrates a play slip for a local lottery;  
5       Figure 5A illustrates an alternative local lottery play slip;  
6       Figure 5B illustrates a draw based on the play slip of Figure 5A;  
7       Figure 6A illustrates a portion of a local lottery play slip;  
8       Figure 6B illustrates a portion of the lottery play slip of Figure 6A adapted to  
9       support play of the world lotteries lotto;  
10      Figure 7A illustrates an alternate embodiment of a play slip for use with the world  
11      lotteries lotto;  
12      Figure 7B is an expanded view of the play slip of Figure 7A;  
13      Figure 7C illustrates an example of a local lottery play ticket;  
14      Figure 8 is a diagram illustrating a calendar for playing the world lotteries lotto;  
15      Figure 9 illustrates an alternate embodiment of a play slip for use with the world  
16      lotteries lotto;  
17      Figure 10 illustrates yet another alternative embodiment of a play slip for use with  
18      the world lotteries lotto;  
19      Figure 11 illustrates still another alternative embodiment of a play slip for use  
20      with the world lotteries lotto;  
21      Figure 12 is a flow diagram illustrating processes used to play the world lotteries  
22      lotto;  
23      Figure 13 illustrates an example of a graphical user interface that may be used  
24      with the world lotteries lotto; and  
25      Figure 14 illustrates an example of a board game incorporating the world lotteries  
26      lotto concept.  
27      Figure 15 illustrates an Internet-based lottery game.

28      **Detailed Description**

29      A world lotteries lotto allows players in one jurisdiction to win a consolation prize  
30      based on matching numbers from a lottery in a second or non-local jurisdiction. The  
31      world lotteries lotto may take advantage of information sharing between different lottery  
32      organizations. The world lotteries lotto may be played “on top of” or coupled to a local  
33      lottery. That is, to play the world lotteries lotto, a player may first be required to select a  
34      local lottery to play. Alternatively, the world lotteries lotto may be played as a stand

1 alone lottery. In either event, local lotteries may participate in the world lotteries lotto.  
2 This may be necessary because the world lotteries lotto may require information from  
3 local lotteries. This information may be most efficiently gathered if all local lotteries  
4 participate in the world lotteries lotto. The information may also be gathered from non-  
5 participating lotteries. Moreover, the local lotteries may be government run or regulated,  
6 implying that the world lotteries lotto may at least be government regulated.

7 Lottery games such as those of the local lotteries are described in the art. An  
8 example is U.S. Patent 6,017,032 to Grippo, et al., which is hereby incorporated by  
9 reference in its entirety.

10 Money to fund the world lotteries lotto may come from a variety of sources,  
11 including an extra charge to play the world lotteries lotto on top of a local lottery,  
12 increased local lottery sales that may occur because of the existence of the lotto, and other  
13 sources.

14 As stated above, participating lotteries may be run or regulated by a government  
15 or quasi-government organization. Such a lottery organization may exist within a single  
16 governmental jurisdiction, for example, a State of the United States. Other lottery  
17 organizations may cross governmental jurisdictions. An example of such a multiple  
18 jurisdiction lottery organization is a multi-state lottery organization. In the discussion  
19 that follows, reference to a lottery organization should be understood to refer to an  
20 official, or government, organization, and reference to a jurisdiction or a specific example  
21 of a jurisdiction should be understood to refer to any political entity, including a state,  
22 province, territory, or country, and in the case of a multi-jurisdiction lottery, any one of  
23 the multiple jurisdictions.

24 A lottery may be categorized by one or more features. As an example, a lottery  
25 may include one or more features related to a player picking one or more numbers from  
26 one or more matrices of numbers. This step of selecting numbers may be called a play or  
27 a bet. Execution of the play usually requires the player to pay a small amount of money,  
28 called a wager. The play may be executed manually by the player using a play (or  
29 number) selection mechanism. The play may also be executed by a computer that may  
30 function as a part of a lottery system. A computer-based number selection may be called  
31 a surprise selection. The play (the numbers chosen manually by the player or by the  
32 computer) is then compared to another set of random numbers that is also chosen from  
33 the one or more matrices. This later set of numbers may be called a draw. The draw may  
34 be executed by the computer that functions as part of the lottery system.

1        The play selection mechanism may include a play slip containing one or more  
2 play boards. Each of the play boards may be used for making a separate play. An  
3 embodiment of the play slip will be described in more detail later. The play selection  
4 mechanism may also include a processing mechanism that reads numbers marked on the  
5 play slip. The play selector mechanism may also be incorporated in a computer system  
6 using electronic play slips, for example. Such a computer system may be coupled to or  
7 may be a part of a wide area network (WAN), a local area network (LAN), a closed loop  
8 communications network, and the Internet, for example. A comparator, which may be  
9 incorporated into the computer system, compares all the plays for a given calendar period,  
10 such as a week, for example, to draws for that same time to determine a winner of the  
11 lottery.

12        If the play matches the draw, the player who made the play wins a prize, usually  
13 called a main prize or jackpot. The player may also win a prize, usually smaller in value  
14 than the main prize, should the play and the draw partially match.

15        The one or more features stated above may include a first feature, the quantity of  
16 numbers to be picked when executing the play. This quantity may also be used to define  
17 a type of lottery. A lottery with a requirement to choose four numbers from a matrix may  
18 be termed a pick 4 lottery. A second feature related to the lottery may be a size of one or  
19 more of the matrices. A lottery matrix may include the numbers 1 to 49, for example. A  
20 third feature may include a second matrix and a requirement to choose one or more  
21 numbers from the second matrix. A fourth feature may be an option to pick extra  
22 numbers beyond the quantity stated in the first feature. This fourth feature may require  
23 the player to pay a higher wager for the play. A fifth feature may be a provision for  
24 bonus numbers. Many other features may be associated with a specific lottery. Figure  
25 1A illustrates a lottery system 10 in which a number of local jurisdictions manage or  
26 regulate a local lotteries. As shown in Figure 1A, jurisdiction A 20 includes a local  
27 lottery A 21. The local lottery A 21 may be played by accessing a lottery outlet such as  
28 lottery outlets A1 23 and A2 25. Local lotteries are also managed or regulated in  
29 jurisdictions B 30 and C 40.

30        The jurisdictions shown in Figure 1A may be States of the United States,  
31 provinces of a country, individual countries, or any other political entity. The local  
32 lotteries operating in the jurisdictions may be independent of each other, and may not  
33 share information. To play one of the local lotteries, a player may be required to be  
34 physically inside the boundaries of the appropriate jurisdiction. Thus, a player in

jurisdiction A 20 cannot play the local lottery B 31, for example. The local lotteries 21, 31 and 41 may be any common lottery, such as a pick 6/49 (which means the player picks six numbers from 1 to 49) or any other lottery scheme. To win a jackpot of one of the local lotteries 21, 31 and 41, the player must select all six numbers to match numbers drawn by the local lottery. A player in jurisdiction A 20 may pick six numbers and not win the local lottery A 21. However, the same player with the same six numbers may match numbers drawn in one of the local lotteries 31 and 41. Because the player in jurisdiction A 20 did not purchase a lottery ticket in jurisdictions B 30 and C 40, the player cannot claim the jackpot in the lotteries 31 and 41, respectively, even if the players six numbers match.

Figure 1B shows a multi-jurisdiction lottery system 50. The system 50 is similar to the system 10 shown in Figure 1A except that the jurisdictions 20, 30, and 40 may engage in a multi-jurisdiction lottery game using, for example network 60 and communications paths 61. An example of such a multi-jurisdiction lottery is Power Ball®, which is a lottery game played among several States in the United States. A player who participates in the multi-jurisdiction lottery game, and does not match the drawn numbers, may not use a potential match with numbers drawn in another lottery outside the multiple jurisdictions 20, 30 and 40 to claim a prize.

Figure 2A is a block diagram of a world lotteries lotto system 70 that allows a player who does not match a draw in a local lottery, but does match a draw in another lottery, to win a consolation prize. The system 70 includes the local lotteries 21, 31 and 41. A player in a jurisdiction corresponding to the local lottery 21, for example, still cannot play in the local lotteries 31 and 41 without physically traveling to the jurisdictions associated with the local lotteries 31 and 41. However, a world lotteries lotto 100 may provide players in the jurisdictions 20, 30 and 40 with an opportunity to win the consolation prize should the numbers they pick in a local lottery match numbers drawn in a local lottery outside their jurisdiction. The lotto 100 may be coupled to one or more of the local lotteries 21, 31 and 41 using communications network 99. In operation, the lotto 100 may require that players in the jurisdictions 20, 30 and 40 first play one of the jurisdiction's local lotteries, such as the local lotteries 21, 31 and 41, respectively. As will be described later, the lotto 100 may also be played as a stand alone lottery.

The lotto 100 may be coupled to any number of local lotteries. For example, the lotto 100 may be coupled to all lotteries in the United States, and to all other lotteries in the world. Alternatively, the lotto 100 may be coupled to a subset of the world's lotteries.

1       Figure 2B is a block diagram showing various features and components of a lotto  
2 site 101 that administers the lotto 100. As shown in Figure 2B, the lotto site 101 includes  
3 a computer 102 or similar processing device to process data and to administer the lotto  
4 100. Coupled to the computer 102 is a database 104 that stores various information  
5 related to running the lotto 104. The database 104 may also include the algorithms and  
6 software routines necessary to process data. The database 104 may also store lotto 100  
7 plays to compare to draws of local lotteries of other jurisdictions. An input interface 106,  
8 which may be a terminal or similar device to read a play slip, or may simply be a play slip  
9 itself, may be used by players of the lotto 100 to make wagers. As a terminal, the input  
10 106 may be coupled to the computer 102. The input 106 is shown physically  
11 incorporated into the lotto site 101. However, the input 106 may be located remotely  
12 from the lotto site 101. In an embodiment, the input 106 may be a processing device  
13 installed at an authorized lottery retail location. Such processing devices may often be  
14 found in convenience stores, drug stores, and other similar retail stores. As noted above,  
15 the input 106 may include a device to read markings made on a lottery game play slip.  
16 Examples of lottery game play slips are shown in Figures 3 and 4. The input 106 may  
17 also include a processing unit and associated algorithms to determine if a play slip has  
18 been correctly filled out, to generate error messages, to record play selections, and to print  
19 out a lottery ticket. The input 106 may also include the processing capabilities to  
20 complete a random number “surprise” number selection. The surprise number selection  
21 will be described in detail later.

22       In addition to the input 106 being located at a retail store, an input 106' may be  
23 available in an online version incorporating a graphical user interface. Such a graphical  
24 user interface may present an electronic version of a play slip, and may guide a player  
25 through the steps of filling out the play slip. In an embodiment, the input 106' may be  
26 incorporated in a closed loop communications network 105 that includes the lotto site 101  
27 and communication paths 103. In this embodiment, the input 106' functions in much the  
28 same manner as the input 106 at the retail store. In another embodiment, an online input  
29 106'' may be coupled to the lotto site 101 through a public communications network 109,  
30 such as the Internet. In this embodiment, the input 106'' is available to any player who  
31 can access the Internet.

32       The lotto site 101 is shown coupled to the local lottery A 21. In an embodiment,  
33 the local lottery A 21 and the lotto 100 may be administered by the same lottery  
34 organization and may be in the same jurisdiction. Further, the lotto site 101 and a site for

1 administering the local lottery A 21 may be co-located. In another embodiment, the lotto  
2 100 and the local lottery A 21 may be administered by different agencies, may be  
3 operated from different sites, and/or may be in different jurisdictions. In these  
4 embodiments, the site for the local lottery A 21 and the lotto site 101 may be connected  
5 by the closed loop communications network 105 and communications lines 103.  
6 Alternatively, the site for the local lottery A 21 and the lotto site 101 may be connected  
7 by a public communications network, such as the Internet 109.

8 Using the communications network 105, the lottery site 101 may receive  
9 information from the local lottery A 21, and information from other participating and  
10 non-participating lotteries. Such information may include draws, prize amounts, and  
11 other information required to play the lotto 100. This information may also be received at  
12 the site 101 by other means, including by newspaper 107, television broadcast 107', and  
13 telephone systems 107'', for example. Players may likewise receive information related  
14 to draws of non-local lotteries by using the newspaper 107, television broadcast 107', and  
15 telephone systems 107''. The lotto site 101 periodically may publish a list of all non-  
16 local lottery draws. Such publication may be by way of the newspaper 107, for example.

17 Figure 2C is an overall schematic of various world lotteries lotto options. In  
18 Figure 2C, the lotto 100 is shown as a lottery game coupled to the local lottery A 21. A  
19 world lotteries lotto stand alone lotto 100' may receive information from the local lottery  
20 A 21, but is not operated in conjunction with any local lottery, including the local lottery  
21 A 21, and may not be regulated by an organization regulating the local lottery A 21. A  
22 world lotteries lotto dual lotto 100'' may be coupled to one or more local lotteries, such  
23 as the local lottery A 21, may be regulated by the local lottery A 21, and may share  
24 information with one or more local lotteries, such as the local lottery A 21. The lotto  
25 100'' may be played as a twined lotto with respect to some local lotteries, and as a stand  
26 alone lottery with respect to other local lotteries.

27 Figure 3 illustrates an example of a play slip for use with the lotto 100. In Figure  
28 3, a play slip 110 includes board A 111, board B 113 and board C 115. Each of the three  
29 boards costs a nominal amount to play. In the example shown, each of board A 111,  
30 board B 113 and board C 115 cost \$2 to play. However, other amounts could be charged  
31 to play a board. In another example, a player would only pay for a play on a local lottery  
32 and would be able to play the lotto 100 for no additional charge.

1        A player indicates entries on the play slip 110 by marking over a particular desired  
2 number using a pencil or blue or black ink. The entries are then read by a machine  
3 capable of reading such entries.

4        Each of the boards 111, 113 and 115 includes a matrix 117 of numbers. In the  
5 example shown, the matrix 117 includes 99 numbers. The play slip 110 includes, for  
6 each of the boards 111, 113 and 115, a surprise number block 119. The surprise number  
7 block 119 is used when a player wants the numbers to be chosen at random by a computer  
8 or similar device. Next, the play slip 110 includes, for each of the boards 111, 113, and  
9 115, a lottery type selection 121. The player uses the lottery type selection 121 to choose  
10 whether to play a pick 6 lottery, for example. Use of the lottery type selection 121 will be  
11 described in detail later. Finally, the play slip 110 includes, for each of the boards 111,  
12 113 and 115, a void block 123. When a player marks the void block 123, any entries, or  
13 numbers chosen on that particular board are ignored.

14       Figure 4 is an example of a local lottery play slip 130 for a local lottery 131. As  
15 will be described later, the lotto 100 may be linked or coupled to the local lottery 131.  
16 The local lottery 131 in this case is a pick 4 lottery with a matrix of 99 numbers. Such a  
17 lottery may be designated as a 4/99 lottery, meaning a player must choose four numbers  
18 from the matrix of 99 numbers. The play slip 130 allows for multiple plays. The play  
19 slip 130 also includes a surprise feature and a void block.

20       As illustrated in Figure 4, a player has made a number selection 132 consisting of  
21 the numbers 04 20 33 42. The selection 132 is indicated on a ticket 133 that the player  
22 uses to claim a prize, if the selection 132 matches the numbers drawn by the local lottery  
23 131.

24       In operation, the local lottery 131 may be played on a weekly basis, and may  
25 include a main lottery of cash for life. Every seven days, four numbers from 0 to 99 are  
26 drawn by the local lottery 131. An example of a draw is 05 20 63 98. A player who  
27 matches all four numbers drawn wins the top prize, in this case \$1,000 each week for the  
28 life of the player, for a minimum of ten years. Thus, a winning player receives a  
29 minimum of \$520,000.

30       The local lottery 131 includes payouts for partial matching of numbers. For  
31 example, a player who matches three out of four numbers wins \$20. A player who  
32 matches two out of four numbers wins \$1.

33       The local lottery 131 also includes three cash bonus lotteries with prizes of  
34 \$100,000, \$50,000, and \$25,000. Each player who enters the main lottery of cash for life

1 main lottery is automatically entered into the cash bonus lotteries. In the cash bonus  
2 lotteries, the player's numbers are chosen by a computer.

3 Finally, the local lottery 131 includes a consecutive draw feature that allows a  
4 player to play up to 28 consecutive lottery games (i.e., play for 28 week in advance) by  
5 requesting a multi draw ticket. The player may manually enter numbers on the multi  
6 draw ticket, using a same set of numbers or different numbers. Alternatively, the player  
7 can have the computer choose numbers to play.

8 Lotteries such as the local lottery 131 are common throughout the world. Of these  
9 k/N types of lotteries, a 6/49 lottery is most common. In these lotteries, the player is  
10 normally allowed to chose a maximum of k numbers. Thus, a player in a 6/49 lottery  
11 must choose exactly six numbers from a matrix of 49 numbers. Any other combination of  
12 selected numbers will result in an error, and the play will not be counted.

13 Returning to the example of the local lottery 131 shown in Figure 4, the player has  
14 only one chance in about four million of winning the top prize. In the example described  
15 above, the player selects 04 20 33 42 and wins nothing. However, this same selection of  
16 numbers (i.e., 04 20 33 42) may have been drawn in one of the other several hundred  
17 lotteries played around the world during approximately the same time as the as the player  
18 made the selection 132. The player in this situation may like the opportunity to win a  
19 consolation prize based on the selection 132 matching a draw in one of these other  
20 lotteries.

21 To expand the player's chances of winning at least some money, the lotto 100  
22 allows the player of a local lottery, such as the local lottery 131, to enter the number  
23 selection in the lotto 100. Then, if the number selection appears in any other similar  
24 lottery in the world, the player may be able to win a consolation prize. As noted above, a  
25 player can play the lotto 100 as a stand alone game, or coupled to a local lottery, such as  
26 the lottery 131.

27 In an embodiment, when the lotto is played coupled to a local lottery, the player  
28 may receive the play slip 110 shown in Figure 3. For each play in the local lottery 131,  
29 the player could make a play in the lotto 100. For example, if the player made three plays  
30 using the play slip 130, the player could make selections using the boards 111, 113 and  
31 115. If the player in the local lottery 131 made more than three selections in the lotto  
32 100, the player could be provided with a second play slip 110.

33 The player of the local lottery 131 may have selected numbers manually or by  
34 using the surprise feature. If the player selected numbers manually, the player could then

1 make the same number selections on the play slip 110 for the lotto 100. In the example  
2 illustrated in Figure 4, the player selected 04 20 33 42. The player would then make this  
3 same selection on the play slip 110. Alternatively, the lotto 100 may assign these same  
4 numbers to the lotto 100 play slip.

5 If the surprise feature was selected by the player of the lottery 131, a computer  
6 will make the same surprise selection should the player choose to play the lotto 100. If  
7 the player used the surprise feature in the local lottery 131 and elects to play the lotto 100,  
8 then the number selection for the lotto 100 may be made automatically, using the same  
9 numbers as in the surprise selection.

10 Because local lotteries may have draws on different days of the week, the lotto  
11 100 includes a provision to enter a number selection only for those lotteries that have not  
12 executed a draw during the time period (e.g., one week) available to play the lotto 100.  
13 For local lotteries that execute a draw during the time period of a specific lotto 100 game,  
14 the lotto 100 will only compare the number selection to numbers drawn during a  
15 subsequent local lotto draw. This process will be described in detail later.

16 The example shown in Figure 4 is a 4/99 lottery, meaning a player chooses four  
17 numbers from 1 to 99. To play the lotto 100, the player would use the same four numbers  
18 as played in the local lottery (i.e., the four numbers played in the 4/99 lottery). Note that  
19 the matrix size does not affect the ability to play the lotto 100. In the example where a  
20 player plays a 4/N local lottery, the same player who elects to play the lotto 100 may be  
21 automatically entered in the lotto 100 to have that player's play compared to draws of all  
22 4/N lotteries world wide, with the exception of lotteries in the player's jurisdiction. To  
23 play a pick 6 lottery (a 6/N lottery), the player would have to play a pick 6 lottery in the  
24 player's local jurisdiction. In another embodiment, the same player may play a lottery  
25 type that is not played in the player's local jurisdiction. This may be accomplished in one  
26 of at least two ways. First, the player may travel to a second jurisdiction that has the  
27 desired lottery type, play that local lottery (e.g., a 6/N lottery, and then play the lotto 100  
28 in the second jurisdiction. A second way is to play a special, or separated, lotto 100. A  
29 separated lotto may be available for play in the player's local jurisdiction as indicated by  
30 an option, on a play slip, to play a separated lotto 100. This allows the player to play any  
31 lottery type, no matter what lottery type(s) is available in the player's local jurisdiction.

32 To signify the lottery type, the player selects the [6] block (in the case of a pick 6  
33 lottery) in the lottery type field 121 (see Figure 3). The player will be entered for all local  
34 lotteries with a required selection number of than six (e.g., all pick 6 lotteries) world

1 wide, regardless of the matrix size. Note that if a player in a 6/49 local lottery (for  
2 example) has manually chosen (or a computer using the surprise option has chosen) as  
3 one of the four number selections, a number greater than 42 (for example), the player may  
4 not be able to win a consolation prize based on matching another jurisdiction's local  
5 lottery of the 6/42 type.

6 To prevent a worthless play, the lotto 100, using specific algorithms that will be  
7 described later, may analyze a play and indicate a worthless one. For example, if the  
8 player desires to play a pick 4 lottery and picks 99 as one of the four numbers, the lotto  
9 100 will only allow the play if there is, at the time of the bet, a 4/99 local lottery game. If  
10 a 4/99 lottery game is not available, the lotto 100 will refuse the play and will provide the  
11 player an opportunity to change the play.

12 Some lotteries allow a player to choose, for an additional fee, extra numbers. For  
13 example, a 6/N lottery will normally require a player to choose only six numbers.  
14 However, some 6/N lotteries may allow a player to choose 15 numbers. To choose these  
15 extra numbers, the player may pay an additional amount. The lotto 100 may  
16 accommodate the selection of additional numbers, and may also impose a higher wager  
17 for such a selection. The following Table A is an example of upper limits that may be  
18 accommodated by the lotto 100 for k/N lotteries.

19 **Table A**

Lottery Type	Bottom Limit	Top Limit
01	01	03
02	02	05
03	03	07
04	04	10
05	05	13
06	06	15
07	07	18
08	08	20
09	09	23
10	10	25

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21 Like many local lotteries, the lotto 100 may support multiple draws. For example,  
22 the lotto 100 may support draws up to 52 weeks in advance. If a player chooses multiple  
23 draws of the lotto 100, and a local lottery is limited to a number of multiple draws less

1 than that of the lotto 100, the lotto 100 may be played in conjunction with the local lottery  
2 only up to the multiple draw limit of the local lottery. Alternatively, the lotto 100 may  
3 continue to apply a player's number selections against the local lottery.

4 As noted above, in an embodiment, the player chooses, using the play slip 110 of  
5 Figure 3, what type of lottery to play. If a player chooses a pick 7 lottery (7/N), the  
6 player must exactly match a draw of a 7/N lottery somewhere in the world in order to win  
7 a consolation prize. If the player matches all six numbers of a pick 6 lottery somewhere  
8 in the world, but does not match a pick 7 lottery, the player does not win a consolation  
9 prize. In an alternative embodiment, the player may win a smaller consolation prize  
10 based on a partial or complete match of a lottery with a value of k less than 7. In this  
11 alternative embodiment, as in other embodiments, a matrix size does not affect the  
12 player's ability to play the lotto 100, but may affect the player's ability to win at the lotto  
13 100.

14 The lotto 100 may be played coupled to a local lottery. That is, to play the lotto  
15 100, the player must first play a local lottery, such as the local lottery 131 shown in  
16 Figure 3. The player would then be eligible to win a consolation prize if the number  
17 selection used for the local lottery, and entered through the lotto 100 matches a draw of  
18 any lottery of a chosen type outside the jurisdiction of the local lottery. This keeps the  
19 lotto 100 from competing with the local lotteries, and potentially siphoning off revenue  
20 from the local lotteries.

21 The lotto 100 may also be played as a stand alone lottery. In an embodiment, the  
22 lotto 100 as a stand alone game may award a consolation prize to a player for any  
23 matches outside the jurisdiction in which the lotto 100 is played. In an alternative  
24 embodiment, the lotto 100 as a stand alone lottery may award a consolation prize for any  
25 matches, including matching a numbers draw in a local lottery in the player's jurisdiction.

26 The lotto 100 may be played in at least two manners. In a first manner, the lotto  
27 100 receives plays, and compares the plays to draws from lotteries outside a jurisdiction  
28 of a local lottery to which the lotto 100 is coupled. A consolation prize may be awarded  
29 for any matches. The lotto 100 may also incorporate a separate draw, and may pay a  
30 prize if the draw matches any plays. Draws of the lotto 100 may be based on the  
31 following Table B.

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**Table B**

Lottery Type	Matrix	Example
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Lottery Type	Matrix	Example
1	9	1/9
2	13	2/13
3	21	3/21
4	30	4/30
5	35	5/35
6	49	6/49
7	50	7/50
8	51	8/51
9	54	9/54
10	60	10/60

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2        The lotto 100 may award a consolation prize based on a match between numbers  
3        played with the lotto 100 and any numbers draw with a local lottery outside the player's  
4        jurisdiction. The consolation prize may be awarded even if no winners exist in such local  
5        lotteries. That is, even if no winner exists for any local lottery throughout the world, the  
6        player of the lotto 100 may still win a consolation prize.

7        If multiple winners of the lotto 100 exist, any consolation prize may be split  
8        among such multiple winners. In an embodiment, the lotto 100 may exist as a multi-  
9        jurisdiction lottery with a single consolation prize that is split among all winners from the  
10       multiple jurisdictions. In another embodiment, each jurisdiction maintains its own  
11       version of the lotto 100, and a consolation prize exists for each such jurisdiction. In this  
12       embodiment, the consolation prize is split among all winners within a jurisdiction. In yet  
13       another embodiment, the lotto 100 is permitted in some jurisdictions and not in others.

14       The participating jurisdictions may have a common, or pooled, consolation prize.  
15       Alternatively, the participating jurisdictions may have individual consolation prizes.

16       In an embodiment in which less than all jurisdictions participate in the lotto 100,  
17       the lotto 100 may still award a consolation prize for matching a draw in a non-  
18       participating lottery. Alternatively, the consolation prize may be awarded based on  
19       matches between a number set played with the lotto 100 and a matching draw in a  
20       participating lottery.

21       Operation of the lotto 100 in conjunction with the k/N lotteries described above  
22       may follow certain general rules. For example, the lotto 100 may be played only when  
23       coupled to the play of a local lottery. Next, a play of the lotto 100 may be compared only

1 to draws of lotteries that operate outside a jurisdiction in which the player played the  
2 coupled local lottery. The lotto 100 may require the player to designate a type of lottery.  
3 For example, if the player plays a 6/N lottery, the player may be required to designate a  
4 6/N lottery for purposes of playing the lotto 100. In an embodiment, the lotto 100 system  
5 may automatically designate play of the lotto 100 based on a play of a coupled local  
6 lottery. That is, if the player plays a 6/N local lottery and signals a desire to play the lotto  
7 100, the computer 102 or input 106 (see Figure 2B), for example, may automatically  
8 require the player to use the same six numbers. Differences in matrix sizes between the  
9 local lottery and the 1 to 99 matrix of the lotto 100 do not affect the operation of the lotto  
10 100, but may impact the probability of a player's play matching a draw of the lotto 100.  
11 Therefore, the lotto 100 gives prizes based on draws of all official lotteries of types 1  
12 through 10. The lotto 100 may not be operated in conjunction with any non-official or  
13 non-authorized lottery. In an embodiment, the lotto 100 may not be operated using a  
14 publicly accessible network, such as the Internet.

15 Rules for playing the lotto 100 may be provided in a brochure. A reduced  
16 instruction set may be provided on a side of the play slip opposite that of the matrix. The  
17 play slip and the brochure may also be used to list common lottery types, and jurisdictions  
18 in which lottery types are available. The brochure may be provided to players by mailing,  
19 by posting on an Internet web site, or by using any other acceptable medium.

20 The examples of local lotteries described above have all been of the k/N format.  
21 However, many local lotteries employ other formats. Figure 5A illustrates an example of  
22 a play slip 140 used with an a/X + b/Y lottery 141. In this example, the lottery 141,  
23 known as Power Ball®, is a multi-jurisdiction lottery game. In particular, several States  
24 of the United States, and the District of Columbia participate in and regulate the lottery  
25 game 141. The lottery game 141 is also an example of a lottery game having a main  
26 prize, or jackpot, that increases as more players make bets. Play of a particular Power  
27 Ball® game continues until a player matches a draw. Thus, a particular Power Ball®  
28 game could continue for several weeks or months, and the resulting jackpot could be  
29 enormous, \$100 million or more.

30 The lottery 141 differs from k/N lotteries in that the player is required to choose  
31 (manually or using surprise) five numbers from a 49 number matrix section 142 of the  
32 play slip 140. The player is also required to choose one number from a 42 number matrix  
33 section 144 of the play slip 140. The format of the lottery 141 is thus 5/49 + 1/42. As

1 with other lotteries, the play slip 140 allows for multiple plays, using one or more of the  
2 boards 143. The odds of winning are about 1 in 80 million.

3 Because some of the numbers repeat between section 142 and 144, a player may  
4 win a game of the lottery 141 repeating one number. An example of this situation is  
5 shown in Figure 5B. A draw 145 includes a set 147 of five numbers, 21 24 37 44 and 45.  
6 A power ball set 149 shows the number 24 drawn from the 42 number matrix. Thus, the  
7 drawn number 24 appears in both sets of drawn numbers, sets 147 and 149. In other  
8 words, the lottery 141 draw includes only five unique numbers. The implications of such  
9 a draw on the lotto 100 will now be explained. For the lotto 100, a player in a jurisdiction  
10 outside the jurisdictions of the lottery 141, may win the consolation prize of the lotto 100  
11 if the player chooses five numbers that match the five unique numbers drawn in the  
12 lottery 141. Thus, if a player of the lotto 100 chooses to play a 6/N lottery, the player can  
13 win a consolation prize based on a draw of the lottery 141 if such player selects five  
14 matching numbers and one number of the draw in the lottery 141 repeats.

15 Another example of a lottery game that does not follow the exact format of a k/N  
16 lottery is an a/X + m lottery, such as the 6/45 +2 bonus Australian lottery. Such a lottery  
17 requires the player to pick six numbers from a 45 number matrix. A computer associated  
18 with the lottery then draws six main numbers and two bonus numbers. The player whose  
19 six selected numbers matches any of the six main wins the lottery. A player who matches  
20 six of the eight drawn number may win a smaller prize. The lotto 100 may accommodate  
21 such a/X + m lotteries. In an embodiment, a player of an a/X + m lottery may win the  
22 lotto 100 consolation prize by matching six numbers in any non-local 6/N lottery  
23 worldwide. That is, the lotto 100 may ignore any bonus numbers selected in an a/X + m  
24 lottery. Thus, in the example of the Australian lottery, only the pick six numbers from the  
25 45 number matrix are used to determine a winner of the consolation prize of the lotto 100.

26 In another embodiment, the lotto 100 will combine all a + m numbers to  
27 determine a winner of the consolation prize. In the Australian lottery example, the six  
28 numbers chosen by a player will be used along with the two drawn bonus numbers. The  
29 player of the lotto 100 then selects a pick 6 lottery, the lotto 100 will compare all eight  
30 numbers to any six numbers drawn in other local lotteries of the 6/N format to determine  
31 a winner of the consolation prize.

32 In yet another embodiment, the lotto 100 will combine all a + m numbers selected  
33 to determine the type of lottery for comparison. In this embodiment, the player would  
34 mark a [a +m] block on the lotto 100 play slip to indicate this type of lottery. In the

1 Australian lottery example, the lotto 100 would compare the eight numbers (six selected,  
2 two drawn bonus numbers) with any draws in an 8/N local lottery.

3 In yet another type of local lottery, a player may a selection of a specific quantity  
4 of numbers and the lottery system draws two sets of numbers. An example of such a  
5 lottery is the Brazilian Super Sena lottery that draws two series of six numbers each. The  
6 format of such a lottery may be expressed as  $a/X + p(a/X)$ , where  $p$  is an integer greater  
7 than zero. The lotto 100 may treat such a local lottery as  $p$  separate  $a/X$  lotteries. A  
8 player of the lotto 100 may match either of the draws to win the consolation prize. Thus  
9 the player of the  $a/X + p(a/X)$  may have as many as  $1 + p$  times as many chances of  
10 winning the lotto 100.

11 As noted above, in an embodiment, the lotto 100 is played in conjunction with  
12 playing a local lottery. This requirement should encourage more play of local lotteries  
13 because of the possibility of a consolation prize. The lotto 100 could be operated in a  
14 single jurisdiction, with the winning play based on lottery results within other  
15 jurisdictions. For multiple jurisdiction games (e.g., Power Ball®), all lotteries within the  
16 multiple jurisdiction could be used to determine a winner of the lotto 100. Alternatively,  
17 the lotto 100 could be operated as a single multiple jurisdiction lottery, such as a national  
18 lottery within the United States. In this alternative, lottery results from all local lotteries  
19 in the United States could be used to determine a winner of the lotto 100. In all these  
20 alternatives, a player may first be required to play a local lottery before becoming eligible  
21 to play the lotto 100.

22 In another embodiment, the lotto 100 may be played as a stand alone lottery.  
23 Such a stand alone lottery may use lottery results from one or more jurisdictions to  
24 determine a winner of the lotto 100. In this embodiment, the player may fill out as many  
25 play slips as desired. Play slips may be completed for all types of lotteries, not just for  
26 local lottery types within the player's jurisdiction.

27 As mentioned above, the lotto may be played in conjunction with a local lottery,  
28 such as the local lottery. In an embodiment, a player of a local lottery is automatically  
29 entered into the lotto, using the type of local lottery played and the lottery type for lotto  
30 100 purposes. For example, a player of the local lottery 131 shown in Figure 3 would be  
31 automatically entered in the lotto 100, and the player's number selection would be  
32 compared to draws of all type 4 local lotteries. In this embodiment, the player may not be  
33 charged an additional fee for playing the lotto 100, and all funds needed to support the  
34 consolation prize may be derived from increased local lottery sales. In another

1 embodiment, the player may indicate on a local lottery play slip, a desire to play the lotto  
2 100. Figure 6A shows a portion 150 of a Brazilian Super Sena lottery play slip. The  
3 portion 150 shown provides the player with the option of choosing to play the lotto 100  
4 with a twined local lottery.

5 Figure 6B shows a modified section 160 of the play slip of Figure 6A. The  
6 section 160 now includes a block 161 that may be marked by a player to indicate a desire  
7 to play the lotto 100. Such a play may require payment of an additional wager. Also  
8 shown is a block 163 that may be marked to indicate a desire for an additional lotto 100  
9 play slip. Such an additional play slip may be used when a player has played a local  
10 lottery with more boards than are provided on the lotto 100 play slip 110 shown in Figure  
11 3, for example.

12 Figure 7A illustrates a play slip 200 that may be used with the lotto 100. The play  
13 slip 200 is similar to the play slip 110 shown in Figure 3. However, the play slip 200  
14 includes an additional section 201 that may be used to tie or couple the lotto 100 to a local  
15 lottery, such as the local lottery 131 shown in Figure 4. The section 201 includes a place  
16 to record a special code generated by the lotto 100. In particular, either the input 106 or  
17 the computer 102, or a similar device, may generate an alpha-numeric code that may be  
18 manually marked on the play slip 200. The code may be generated whenever the block  
19 163, shown in Figure 6B is marked. The special code gives the player one, and only one,  
20 special play slip. The special code may be a set of 30 numbers and six letters, for  
21 example. The special code is generated with a cryptography that combines the type of  
22 lottery, the number of the draw, and a local lottery identifier, for example.

23 Figure 7B shows a portion of the play slip 200 with the section 201 marked with a  
24 special code. The special code, in the example, AE039, is used to tie the local lottery to  
25 the lotto 100. The special code is also printed on a lotto ticket. An example lotto ticket  
26 210 is shown in Figure 7C. The lotto ticket 210 includes a printout of numbers played  
27 211 and the special code 213. The lotto 100 may be set to begin on any day, and to run  
28 for a week, for example. In an embodiment, the lotto 100 begins on Sunday at 12:00 p.m.  
29 (one minute past noon) Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and end the following Sunday at  
30 noon. The lotto 100 may accept plays from 12:01 p.m. GMT on Sunday until noon the  
31 following Sunday. Figure 8 shows a lotto 100 calendar 220. The starting day is Sunday  
32 A, and the ending day is Sunday B. During a week of the lotto 100, a lotto 100 player  
33 will be eligible for all draws that occur between 12:01 p.m. of Sunday B and noon of  
34 Sunday C (the Sunday following Sunday B (not shown)) for any participating local

1 lottery. The computer 102 (see Figure 2B) will check the winning tickets after 8 p.m.  
2 GMT of the C Sunday. Winning tickets may be announced using standard mechanism,  
3 including e-mail direct to the winner, the Internet, television and radio announcement,  
4 and publication, such as in a newspaper.

5 Plays received until noon (GMT) on Sunday A will be eligible for world lottery  
6 draws that occur between 12:01 p.m. (GMT) of Sunday A, and noon of Sunday B. If a  
7 player plays a local lottery and marks only the lotteries lotto block 161, the player will be  
8 eligible for lotteries operated during the following week.

9 Minimum prizes may be decided and funded locally. Alternatively, minimum  
10 prizes may be determined among several participating lotteries or among all participating  
11 lotteries. The basic condition for winning the lotto 100 consolation prize is to match  
12 numbers drawn in a jurisdiction in which the player did not play the local lottery. If a  
13 same combination of numbers chosen by the player is drawn in more than one local  
14 lottery, the player may receive multiple consolation prizes, one for each such match.  
15 Alternatively, the lotto 100 may be operated such that the player receives only one  
16 consolation prize. If more than one player's play matches a draw in a non-local lottery,  
17 then the players' may share the consolation prize equally. For each type of local lottery,  
18 if no match occurs using the lotto 100, any prize may roll over to the next week. In an  
19 embodiment, if the consolation prize is not awarded after a specific period, the  
20 consolation prize may be divided among those who match the most numbers.

21 Worldwide local lottery draw information may be collected by the lotto 100 at the  
22 lotto site 101, and stored in the database 102, for example. The draw information may be  
23 collected by telephone, facsimile, over the Internet, by television and radio, and by  
24 publication, such as in newspapers.

25 As discussed above, the world lotteries lotto may be played as a tied lotto 100  
26 played in conjunction with one or more local lotteries. The world lotteries lotto may also  
27 be played as a stand alone lotto 100'. Finally, the world lotteries lotto may be played as a  
28 combination of a twined and stand alone lottery 100'' (see Figure 2C).

29 Figure 9 shows an example of a play slip 250 that may be used for any  
30 configuration of the world lotteries lotto. The play slip 250 incorporates several features  
31 that allow a player to customize lottery play. A default play mode section 251 and a  
32 personalized play mode section 253 may be used to chose a mode of play. Alternatively,  
33 the play slip 250 may include only the personalized play mode section 253. The default  
34 mode allows the player to specify the type of lottery, the numbers to play, and whether a

1 multi-draw option is to be used. If the personalized play mode is selected, the player will  
2 have additional options as described below.

3 A lottery type section 255 allows the player to choose the type of lottery to play  
4 against. For example, the player could mark the [06] in section 255 to indicate a pick 6  
5 lottery type. The play would then be compared to draws of all participating pick 6  
6 lotteries worldwide.

7 The play slip 250 includes a 99 number matrix section 257 that allows the player  
8 to choose numbers manually, and a surprise section 259 that allows a computer to pick  
9 the numbers. Associated with the surprise section 259 is a surprise number section 261.  
10 The section 261 may be used to instruct the computer to select the specified quantity of  
11 random numbers. If the section 261 is not used, the computer will select a quantity of  
12 random numbers equal to the lottery type indicated in the section 255.

13 A choose matrix section 263 may be used in the personalized play mode to select  
14 a size of the matrix from 9 to 99 or to choose all matrix sizes. A lottery game variation  
15 section 265 may be used to select plays in only power ball or bonus ball lotteries that  
16 have a same matrix as that selected in the choose matrix section 263. For example, a 5/49  
17 + 1/42 Power Ball® matrix would convert to a matrix of 49 numbers. If in the choose  
18 matrix section 263, the player chooses all matrices, the player has two selection options  
19 for the section 265, namely choosing no Power Ball® and no bonus ball lotteries or  
20 choosing all Power Ball® and all bonus ball lotteries. The section 265 also allows the  
21 player to designate lotteries with up to three series of draws. This selection would apply  
22 to lotteries with multiple draws, such as the Brazilian Super Sena lottery. Selecting this  
23 option means that all the drawn numbers in the multi-draw lottery are combined. A play  
24 will be compared to the combined numbers to determine a match. For example, if the  
25 player selects six numbers, and the three series of draws features is selected, the six  
26 numbers selected by the player (the play) are compared to all the numbers in the multiple  
27 draws. Any six numbers from the multiple draws may be used to match the numbers in  
28 the play. In an embodiment, players who elect the three series of draws feature may be  
29 eligible for a prize separate from a main consolation prize. Such election may be signaled  
30 by checking a box on the lotto 100 play slip.

31 A group of lotteries section 267 is used to select a mix of lotteries from different  
32 regions of the world. Information on these different regions and lotteries may be  
33 presented on a reverse side of the play slip 250. Alternatively, this information may be  
34 presented in a separate brochure, may be available electronically at an input, such as the

1 inputs 106, 106' and 106'' shown in Figure 2B. Using the section 267, the player may  
2 select all lotteries from one or more of five regions of the world by selecting one or more  
3 of blocks [A] - [E]. The player may also elect to play all lotteries by selecting block [F]  
4 in section 267.

5 A multiple draw section 269 may be used to designate multiple draws by marking  
6 appropriate blocks for 4, 8, 12, 34 and 52 weeks.

7 A jackpot section 271 may be used to elect a partial match jackpot. Eligibility for  
8 this partial jackpot may be determined with reference to Table C below, or a similar  
9 scheme. The value of the partial jackpot may be determined by the amount wagered by  
10 all lotto 100 players. The jackpot section may also be used to designate an extra jackpot.  
11 The extra jackpot designation means that the player contends for a single jackpot among  
12 all types of lotteries. Choosing any of the above described jackpot options may require an  
13 increased wager to play the lotto 100.

14 When the world lotteries lotto is played in conjunction with one or more local  
15 lotteries, the special lotteries lotto code will be provided to the player. The code may be  
16 marked in a special code section 273. Finally, the play slip 250 includes a section 275 to  
17 void the play slip 250. Once the player has completed the play slip 250, the wager amount  
18 for the lotto 100 is determined. This determination may be made by the computer 102 or  
19 one of the inputs 106, 106' and 106'' shown in Figure 2B, for example. The wager  
20 amount may be determined by a number of factors, including selection of extra numbers  
21 (e.g., picking 15 numbers to play pick 6 lotteries), a number of draws per week of a local  
22 lottery, advanced plays, use of the all matrices feature (see section 263 in Figure 9), a  
23 type of lottery (i.e., the most common lottery, a pick 6 lottery may cost more to play than  
24 a less common type lottery), jackpot selection options, use of bonus ball and similar  
25 features, regional play, and other features as illustrated by the play slip 250 of Figure 9.  
26 However, the total extra wager cost may not vary significantly from the cost of playing a  
27 local lottery. Thus, the lotto 100 may cost \$1.00 to play, and the local lottery may cost  
28 \$2.00 to play, for a total wager of \$3.00.

29 In an alternative embodiment, no extra wager is charged to play the lotto 100.  
30 However, the stand alone lotto 100' may always require payment of a wager. When no  
31 extra wager is required to play the lotto 100, the revenues required to fund the consolation  
32 prize, any smaller prizes or other jackpots, and to pay for the administration of the lotto  
33 100, may be generated by increased play of a local lottery brought on by the availability  
34 of the lotto 100. The split of these revenues may follow that of a typical local lottery.

1        The lotto 100 may include a mechanism to prevent a player from trying to buy all  
2 possible combinations and thus ensure award of a prize. One such mechanism is to make  
3 the price for such plays too high with respect to the prize to be awarded.

4        As noted above, the lotto100, including all variations, may provide a prize for a  
5 partial match between the play and the draw of one or more local lotteries. Table C  
6 below illustrates one scheme for awarding the prize for a partial match. A "Y" in a cell of  
7 Table C indicates when the prize for the partial match may be available.

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**Table C**

Lottery Type	Number of Matches									
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
01										
02	Y									
03		Y								
04		Y	Y							
05			Y	Y						
06			Y	Y	Y					
07			Y	Y	Y	Y				
08				Y	Y	Y	Y			
09					Y	Y	Y	Y		
10						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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11        The value of the prize for a partial match can be determined by the local lottery  
12 organization. In addition, multiple prizes may be given for partial matches, with the  
13 value of each such multiple prize decreasing as a number of matches decreases.

14        A player who wins a main prize or jackpot of a local lottery may also be eligible  
15 for winning the consolation prize, if the play matches a draw in another jurisdiction. The  
16 lotto 100 may also conduct a separate draw to award a separate jackpot.

17        Figure 10 illustrates an alternative play slip 300 that may be used for any  
18 configuration of the world Lotteries Lotto. The play slip 300 includes several features  
19 that allow a player to customize lottery play. A default play mode section 301 and a  
20 personalized play mode section 303 may be used to chose a mode of play. The default

1 and personalized play modes 301 and 303 incorporate the same features as described with  
2 respect to Figure 9.

3 A lottery type section 305 allows the player to choose the type of Lottery to play  
4 against. For example, the player could mark the [06] in the section 305 to indicate a pick  
5 6 lottery. The play would then be compared to draws of all participating pick 6 Lotteries  
6 world wide. The player could also mark the [KENO] in the section 305 to indicate a  
7 Keno game.

8 When Keno is selected, the player may be required to match a specific quantity of  
9 numbers from all numbers drawn by the local lottery. For example, a local lottery may  
10 draw eleven numbers and require that a player match seven of the eleven drawn numbers  
11 in order to win. A player using the play slip 300 might similarly be required to match  
12 seven numbers in order to win at the world lotteries lotto. The seven numbers may be  
13 chosen manually using the play slip 300. Alternatively, by filling in a surprise section  
14 309, a computer may choose eleven numbers at random. The player may mark a number  
15 in a quick pick section 311 to select a specified number of random numbers for the  
16 computer to select.

17 The play slips 300 includes a 100 number matrix (numbers 0-99) section 307 that  
18 allows a player to choose numbers manually and a surprise section 309 that allows a  
19 computer to pick numbers based on the lottery type selected in section 305. The player  
20 may also mark a number in a pick section 311 to select a specified number of random  
21 numbers for the computer to select.

22 Other features of the play slip 300 correspond to similar features illustrated on the  
23 play slip 250 of Figure 9, and described above.

24 Figure 11 illustrates yet another play slip 320 that may be used with the world  
25 lotteries lotto. The play slip 320 is similar to the play slip 200 shown in Figure 7A.  
26 However, the play slip 320 includes additional features. The play slip 320 includes the  
27 boards 321 and 323. The boards 321 and 323 may be used to make two plays using the  
28 matrices 327. The matrices 327 include 100 numbers (numbers 00 to 99). The boards  
29 321 and 323 each also include a lottery type section 331. The lottery type section 331  
30 may be used to select a lottery type ([01] to [10] or [KENO]). Using the boards 321 and  
31 323, a player may select a lottery type and specify numbers to play for one or two plays.  
32 The player may also use a surprise feature 333 that allows a computer to select numbers  
33 occurring to the lottery type chosen using the lottery type section 331. Finally, the boards

1 321 and 323 include a void block 325. When marked, the void block 325 prevents a play  
2 from its associated board (321 or 323).

3 The play slip 320 also includes a pick board 341 that allows a player to choose  
4 pick 1, pick 2, pick 3 or pick 4 using a pick section 343. Associated with each of the  
5 selections in the pick section 343 is a ten number matrix section 345. Thus, if a player  
6 selects pick 2, the player would select one number from each of two matrices in the  
7 matrix section 345. Alternatively, the player may select surprise 347 to have a computer  
8 select numbers randomly according to the pick number chosen in the pick section 343.

9 Other features of the play slip 320 are similar to those of the play slip 200  
10 illustrated in Figure 7A and described above.

11 The plays described above and illustrated in the figures are by way of example.  
12 Other play slips may be designed that would fall within the spirit of these illustrated  
13 examples. For example, a play slip may include more than three play boards. Another  
14 play slip may include different types of boards (straight lottery, Power Ball®, quick pick).

15 As stated above, funding of the lotto 100 may be based on increased local lottery  
16 sales, or by charging each player of the lotto 100 a fixed or variable fee. Other funding  
17 options are possible. For example, an organization separate from a government lottery  
18 agency may be allowed to sell world lottery lotto tickets to players, returning all or a  
19 portion of any wager amount to the jurisdiction's lottery agency. In return, and to  
20 generate income, the organization may provide advertising space that can be used to  
21 target advertising to world lotteries lotto players. Income generated by such  
22 advertisements may be enough to show a profit for the organization. In another  
23 embodiment, the organization pays a fee or royalty to the lottery agency in order to sell  
24 the world lotteries lotto. Advertising revenue would then offset the cost of this royalty  
25 payment. This funding mechanism may be adapted for use with online world lotteries  
26 lotto ticket sale, such as ticket sales over the Internet (where permitted).

27 Operation of the lotto 100 may be under control of a local or remote system or  
28 site, such as the site 101 shown in Figure 2B. All wagering computations, play and draw  
29 comparisons, data gathering from other lotteries, and acceptance of a play may be  
30 controlled by the computer 102, or by one or more distributed processors, including  
31 processors at the inputs 106, 106' and 106''. The processors and the computer 102 may  
32 operate according to one or more routines and may employ one or more algorithms.  
33 Figure 12 is a flowchart illustrating certain processes executed on the processors and the  
34 computer 102 during an operation of the lotto 100. The flowchart assumes the lotto 100

1 is played as a lottery coupled to one or more local lotteries. The process starts with block  
2 350.

3 In receive play selection block 352, an input device, such as the input 106 shown  
4 in Figure 2B, receives a lotto 100 play slip, marked to indicate a players play, and any  
5 special features. An example of the play slip is shown in Figure 9. In parameter  
6 verification block 354, the computer 102 determines if the player's selections satisfy  
7 certain criteria. For example, if the player designates a pick 6 lottery, the computer 102  
8 will verify that at least six numbers are marked in the matrix section. Other special  
9 conditions and features will be checked in accordance with the descriptions provided  
10 above for the play slip 250 of Figure 9, and other components of the world lotteries lotto.  
11 If the play slip contains an error such that processing cannot be completed, the computer  
12 102 will generate an error message, block 356, that may be displayed at the input 106.  
13 The computer 102 will then await a subsequent submission of the play slip.

14 If the parameter check indicates no errors, the computer 102 optionally determines  
15 the eligible lotteries against which to enter the play, block 358. For example, the  
16 computer may determine that the play may be compared to draws of all bonus ball  
17 lotteries. As part of this optional step, the computer 102 may, also optionally, store the  
18 play in the database 104 until the appropriate draws are complete. In an optional routine,  
19 the computer 102 may identify the play by the special code generated in the next  
20 processing step, block 360. The special code may be marked on the play slip by the input  
21 106, or may be subsequently marked on the play slip by the player. In either event, the  
22 special code may be used to tie the lotto 100 to the play of a local lottery.

23 The computer 102 next determines a required wager amount, block 362, if  
24 appropriate, and provides an indication of the amount to the player using the input 106.  
25 In receive payment block 364, the computer 102 receives an indication that payment of  
26 the wager amount is complete. Such payment may be by way of credit card, electronic  
27 check, or a manual indication, such as a keystroke, of a lotto 100 employee.

28 In accept play slip block 366, the computer accepts the play. The input 106 may  
29 return the play slip to the player to enter the special code. Optionally, the special code  
30 may be entered by the computer 102. If the play slip has been returned to the player, the  
31 computer 102 waits for an indication that the play slip has been re-entered into the lotto  
32 100 system. In issue ticket block 368, the computer 102, in conjunction with the input  
33 106, issues a ticket to the player. The ticket includes information related to plays (i.e., the  
34 numbers chosen) and the special code. The process then ends, block 370.

1        As an alternative to the lotto 100, the world lotteries lotto concept may be  
2        extended to an Internet game. In this embodiment, the world lotteries lotto may be played  
3        in jurisdictions that allow Internet wagering. The world lotteries lotto of this embodiment  
4        may also be coupled to one or more local lotteries.

5        When played as an Internet game, the lotto 100 may use the same general and  
6        specific rules, described above, for the non-Internet version. Additional rules may be  
7        added to prevent unauthorized play over the Internet, such as play by persons under a  
8        specific age. For example, to use the Internet to play the lotto 100, a players may first  
9        have to register for, and receive, a password. The Internet version of the lotto 100 may  
10      then be accessible only to those players who correctly enter a password.

11      Use of the Internet may facilitate payment of any required wager amount for  
12      playing the lotto 100. For example, the lotto 100 may include direct debit of a player's  
13      bank account. Direct debit payment may also be incorporated into other embodiments of  
14      the world lotteries lotto.

15      As an alternative Internet lottery game, the lotto 100 may provide a wager-free  
16      option in which players access a lotto 100 website and make plays in which no wager is  
17      required. In an embodiment, the player whose numbers match those of a draw may be  
18      awarded points. When enough points are accumulated, the player may trade the points in  
19      for a prize or for merchandise. In another embodiment, the player may pay a small fee,  
20      for example an annual fee of \$25. Upon paying the fee, the player is eligible to make  
21      plays. If the player then matches a draw, the player wins a prize, which may be a cash  
22      prize.

23      A graphical user interface (GUI) may be used to facilitate play of the lotto 100,  
24      including the Internet version of the lotto 100. An example GUI 500 is shown in Figure  
25      13. The GUI 500 may be displayed on any display capable of displaying digital or analog  
26      data, including the inputs 106, 106' and 106'' shown in Figure 2B; personal computer,  
27      such as a personal computer in a player's home; a television (not shown); and a mobile  
28      data device (not shown), such as a cellular phone and a personal data device, for example.

29      The GUI 500 includes a main display section 510 that presents an electronic  
30      representation 515 of the lotto 100 play slip. The play slip 515 may include all the  
31      sections as does the play slip 250 shown in Figure 9. Sections of the play slip 515  
32      corresponding to the play slip 250 may allow the player to enter data to complete the play  
33      slip. Data entry may be by key stroke, point and click, and voice recognition, for  
34      example. A pull down menu bar 520 allows the user to select features of the lotto 100,

1 such as a list of lottery types, jurisdictions where these lottery types are played, a set of  
2 rules, and a function that computes odds of winning the lotto 100, for example. A tool  
3 bar 530 may be optionally displayed. The tool bar includes icons for frequent operations  
4 associated with playing the lotto 100, including, for example, a printer icon to print a  
5 lottery ticket, and a submit icon.

6 As yet another alternative, the world lotteries lotto concept may be expressed in a  
7 board game. Figure 14 is an example of a board game 600 incorporating the lotto 100  
8 design. The board game 600 includes a map section 610 displaying the world in Mercator  
9 projection format. Six continents are labeled with numerals I through VI. Each such  
10 continent will have an associated number of local lotteries of various types. The object of  
11 the game may be to amass the largest total prize or to win a single largest jackpot by  
12 playing any of the local lotteries in conjunction with the world lotteries lotto. For  
13 example, a player may combine the value of any consolation prizes with any jackpot wins  
14 to compute the players total earnings. Players may move between continents in any  
15 fashion, but the game may restrict occupancy of any one continent to one player at a time.  
16 When six players play, this implies that when one player is able to move to a continent,  
17 another player must leave. The game may allow players to play local lotteries in their  
18 current continent, and to play the world lotteries lotto in other continents. The players  
19 may be limited to playing the world lotteries lotto only on the basis of their own local  
20 lottery types. For example, a player in North America may play a 6/49 local lotteries, an  
21 then would be eligible to play the world lotteries lotto against all other 6/N lotteries world  
22 wide.

23 The board game 600 may include a card set 620 that requires players to skip turns,  
24 move to other continents, and take other actions that add interest and chance to the game.  
25 Players may select a card on every play, or at random intervals. Information needed to  
26 play the game may be displayed in an information block 630. Such information may  
27 include a list of local lottery types, for example.

28 To make the game challenging, a player may be given an amount of play money at  
29 the start of the game. Each play of a local lottery and the world lotteries lotto requires  
30 payment of a portion of the play money. Likewise, movement between continents may  
31 require payment of play money. Initial assignment to continents may be determined by a  
32 roll of a die.

1        The world lotteries lotto, or other games, may be played as a computer game or a  
2 television game. The world lotteries lotto may also be played using a computer network  
3 such as the Internet.

4        Figure 15 illustrates another embodiment of a game. A game system 700 may be  
5 implemented as a casino game, a lottery game, an Internet game, or any other game,  
6 including popular board games. In the illustrated embodiment, the game system 700 is  
7 implemented as an Internet-based game. However, similar principles may be used to  
8 adapt the game system 700 to any of the above-mentioned game types.

9        The game system 700 uses an Internet Web site 701 to connect a player terminal  
10 703 to a game 705. Using the Web site 701, a player at the player terminal 703 may  
11 purchase a ticket 707 to play the game 705. Also shown coupled to the Web site 701 are  
12 games 711 - 713. Although the illustrated embodiment shows four games (i.e., the game  
13 705 and the games 711 - 713), the game system 700 may be used to couple any number of  
14 games.

15       The game 705 and the games 711 - 713 may be associated with a single lottery  
16 authority, or each of the four games may be associated with lotteries from different  
17 authorities or jurisdictions. The game 705 and the games 711 - 713 may all be of a  
18 similar type (e.g., 7/99), or may comprise different lottery types.

19       The player terminal 703 may be a personal computer, a portable computer, a  
20 personal data assistant (PDA), a Web-enabled cellular or mobile telephone, or any other  
21 device that is capable of connecting to the Web site 701 and displaying data from the  
22 Web site 701. The player terminal 703 may also be implemented as a kiosk at, for  
23 example, a convenience store. Finally, the player terminal 703 may be implemented in  
24 current lottery systems, wherein the player terminal 703 would be operated by an  
25 individual other than the player.

26       The game 705 may be a lottery-type game in which the player chooses a number  
27 from a set number matrix according to a rule set. For example, the game may be a pick  
28 six lottery in which the player chooses six numbers from a matrix of 100 numbers (0 to  
29 99). The game system 700 allows the player to play the game 705, including buying  
30 tickets (chances), selecting numbers, and receiving results of a play, using only the player  
31 terminal 703.

32       The game ticket 707 may be implemented as an electronic ticket or a paper ticket,  
33 or both. When the player terminal 703 comprises a personal computer, for example, the  
34 game ticket 707 may be displayed at the player terminal 707, may be stored electronically

1 at a storage (not shown) of the player terminal 707, and may be printed, or otherwise  
2 rendered into a hard-copy format. The game ticket 707 may be similar to the play slip  
3 300 shown in Figure 10.

4 To ensure security of an Internet-based transaction, the game ticket 707 may be  
5 provided to the player terminal 703 after verification of an identity of the player  
6 requesting the play. Such verification may be implemented by using a digital signature,  
7 for example. Use of digital signatures is well-known in the art, and need not be described  
8 herein.

9        The player may pay for a play of the game 705 by using a credit card account. In  
10 another embodiment, the Web site may be authorized by the player to debit a bank  
11 account of the player. Alternatively, the player may pay an up-front amount to establish  
12 an account with the game system 700, and may make plays as long as the account balance  
13 is positive.

14 The game 705 may be a lottery game, such as a state-sponsored lottery game, for  
15 example. Players who play the game 705 remit funds to the Web site 701 to pay for  
16 plays. A portion of the remitted money may be retained by an operator of the Web site  
17 701, and the remaining money forwarded to an activity (e.g., the state lottery authority)  
18 that sponsors the lottery. In an alternative embodiment, all remitted money from the  
19 player is forwarded to the lottery sponsor, and the Web site generates revenue through  
20 Web-site advertising.

21 The game system 700 may provide a regular customer feature in which players  
22 who make frequent plays are accorded special privileges. The privileges may include  
23 reduced price tickets, special prizes, points that may be used to purchase items from an  
24 online catalog, or from another merchant, and an opportunity to participate in second-  
25 chance draws. The consolation draws of the game system 700 may be based on numbers  
26 drawn in other lotteries that are associated with the game system 700. For example, the  
27 consolation draws may be based on draws of any one or more of the games 711 - 713. In  
28 operation, the consolation draws of the game system 700 may function in a manner  
29 similar to that of the world lotteries lotto system 70 shown in Figure 2A. In particular,  
30 the player who plays the game 705 may automatically be entered into a consolation game  
31 that compares the number played in the game 705 to numbers drawn in one or more of the  
32 games 711 - 713. Should the numbers played in the game 705 match exactly the numbers  
33 drawn in any of the games 711 - 713, the player wins a consolation prize. In an  
34 alternative embodiment, the player may win a smaller consolation prize should some

1 portion of the numbers played (e.g., 5 out of 7 for a 7/99 lottery) match the draws of the  
2 games 711 - 713.

3 In an embodiment, only a most recent number selection by the player is used to  
4 compare the selected numbers to the draws of the lotteries 711 - 713 for purposes of  
5 awarding the consolation prize. Alternatively, all previously played numbers, or a  
6 selected set of the previously played numbers may be used in awarding the consolation  
7 prize. Whether more than the most recently-played number is used for the consolation  
8 prize may be based on the player's status as a regular player. That is, if the player plays  
9 all instances of the game 705, the player may be considered a regular player and may be  
10 eligible for the consolation prize using all previously played numbers, or a set of the  
11 recently played numbers. Alternatively, the player may be considered a regular player if  
12 the player plays a minimum number of instances of the game 705, such as one out of  
13 three instances, for example. In yet another embodiment, the player may be considered a  
14 regular player if the player places a minimum number of "bets," or makes a minimum  
15 number of plays for any one instance of the game 705. In yet another embodiment of the  
16 game system 700, a regular player may be eligible for an enhanced consolation prize,  
17 while a non-regular player may be eligible for a smaller consolation prize. In these  
18 described embodiments, the game 700 is designed to reward more frequent plays of the  
19 game 705.

20 The player, using the player terminal 703, may receive automatic notification of  
21 any winnings from playing the game 705, or from participating in the consolation draws  
22 of the game system 700. For example, when the player plays the game 705, should the  
23 player win a main prize of the game 705, the player may be presented with an electronic  
24 notification of such winning. The electronic notification may be by way of an e-mail sent  
25 to the player terminal 703, for example. Other mechanisms for notification may include  
26 notifying the player of the winning when the player next connects to the Web site 701.  
27 Similar mechanisms may be used to notify the player of any wins within the consolation  
28 system of the game system 700. Alternatively, the player may be notified by an  
29 automatic, or computer-generated telephone call to the player's telephone, or by way of a  
30 mailing to the player's residence.

31 The terms and descriptions used herein are set forth by way of illustration only  
32 and are not meant as limitations. Those skilled in the art will recognize that many  
33 variations are possible within the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the  
34 following claims, and there equivalents, in which all terms are to be understood in their

1 broadest possible sense unless otherwise indicated.